

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended): A device for lock-fixing an apparatus  $[(1)]$  comprising a front face  $[(10)]$ , and at least two lateral sides  $[(12)]$  designed to be mounted in a rack  $[(2)]$  comprising side walls  $[(21)]$  along which the lateral sides  $[(12)]$  of the apparatus  $[(1)]$  are inserted, said device comprising:

$[-]$  first  $[(13)]$  and second  $[(22)]$  fixing elements respectively secured to the two lateral sides  $[(12)]$  of the apparatus and to the side walls  $[(21)]$  of the rack, the first element being moved by operating a handle  $(14, 14a)$  in order to interact with the ~~other element~~ second fixing element to fix the apparatus in the rack,

$[-]$  a mechanism  $(15, 15a)$  for locking said handle,

$[-]$  the handle  $[(14)]$  having a gripping member  $(141, 141a)$  connected to a handle body  $[(142)]$  situated on a lateral side  $[(12)]$  of the apparatus,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein :

$[-]$  the locking mechanism comprises a sliding hook  $[(151)]$  situated on one of the lateral sides  $[(12)]$  close to an edge of the front face  $[(10)]$  and a compression spring  $[(152)]$ , arranged so that, in the locking phase,

$[-]$  the handle being operated by the user in a rotary movement to fix the apparatus, the handle body  $[(142)]$  moves along the lateral side comprising the hook  $[(151)]$ , retracting said hook  $[(151)]$ , thus freeing said handle  $[(14)]$  to pass,

$[-]$  after the passage of the handle, the compression spring  $[(152)]$  repositions the hook  $(151)$  thus serving as an abutment to said handle body in the locked position.

2. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hook  $[(151)]$  has a bearing plane  $[(157)]$  interacting with a bearing plane  $[(146)]$  of the handle body to serve as an abutment.

3. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said bearing planes are in a plane parallel to the sliding axis of the hook.

4. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said bearing planes are in a plane beveled relative to the sliding axis of the hook.

5. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in ~~one of claim[[s]] 2 to 4,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bearing plane ~~[[146]]~~ of the handle body extends longitudinally, its longitudinal dimension being greater than that of the bearing plane ~~[[157]]~~ of the hook.

6. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claim[[s]] 1,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the locking mechanism ~~[[15]]~~ comprises a compression spring ~~[[152]]~~ associated with an abutment ~~[[153]]~~ used to hold the hook in the abutment position for the handle body in the locked position of the handle.

7. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the apparatus ~~having~~ has a front face with a rim arranged on at least one of its sides, the sliding hook and the compression spring are integrated into a housing ~~[[110]]~~ formed in said edge.

8. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the apparatus having a front face rimmed by a frame ~~[[11]]~~, said rim forms one side of the frame.

9. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in ~~one of claim[[s]] 6 to 8,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the locking mechanism also comprises a pushbutton ~~[[154]]~~ secured to the hook and situated on the front face of the apparatus allowing a user to retract the sliding hook to unlock the handle.

10. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pushbutton  $[(154)]$  may be moved in a housing  $[(111)]$  one edge of which forms said abutment  $[(153)]$  for the sliding hook.

11. (currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~one of claim~~ $[[s]]$  9 ~~or 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the locking mechanism comprises a plate  $[(155)]$  for closing said housing.

12. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in ~~one of claim~~ $[[s]]$  6 ~~to 11, characterized in that~~ wherein a slope  $[(156)]$  is made on the sliding hook  $[(151)]$  allowing said hook to be retracted during locking of the handle.

13. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claim~~ $[[s]]$  1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the handle body is secured to the side of the apparatus via a rotating pivot  $[(143)]$ .

14. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first fixing element  $[(13)]$  is supported by one end of the handle body, opposite relative to said pivot of the end to which the gripping member  $[(141)]$  is connected.

15. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first fixing element  $[(13)]$  and the second fixing element  $[(22)]$ , secured to the rack, have complementary shapes making it possible to fasten them to one another when the apparatus is pushed into the rack to be fixed.

16. (currently amended): The fixing device as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first element  $[(13)]$  is formed of a hook and the second element  $[(22)]$  is formed of a projecting pin  $[(221)]$  that can be moved along a slide  $[(222)]$  formed in the rack and is associated with a spring  $[(223)]$  calibrated so that the operation of the handle causes said calibrated spring to be placed in tension.

17. (currently amended): The fixing device according to ~~one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, characterized in that it comprises further comprising first fixing elements on two opposite sides of the apparatus, these first fixing elements being moved by the operation of two handles ~~(14, 14a)~~ in order to interact with second fixing elements secured to the rack, and in that it comprises two locking mechanisms ~~(15, 15a)~~ substantially identical for each of said handles.

18. (currently amended): The fixing device according to claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gripping members ~~(141, 141a)~~ of the two handles join together to form a central bar [[145]] allowing the two handles to be operated simultaneously.

19. (currently amended): A rack equipped with at least one apparatus fixed by means of a fixing device according to ~~one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, characterized in that wherein it has, on each of its side walls [[21]] situated facing one side of the apparatus [[12]] along which is situated a handle body [[142]], an area of reduced thickness allowing said handle body to be housed.